





## LOST AT POKER.

A Little Christmas Game at the Southern Casinoes Trouble.

FIVE ST. LOUISANS FALL BEFORE TWO ALLIGED SHARKS.

They Lost \$200 and Then "Squealed" to Detectives—Tricky Charged and the Money Discovered—Sixty Dollars Reward Paid for Its Recovery—People in the Game.

There are five residents of this city who have learned a lesson which may cause them to retire in the future when they are invited to take a hand in "a little game of draw." They took a hand in this popular game Christmas evening in the Southern Casinoes, and when they were an engaged and also a much poorer quintette. Something they had discovered in the playing methods of the men in question filled them with a desire to get even. They did so by turning the matter over to the secret service and of the police department. The story goes that the five gentlemen who fell a prey to the drummers were Anthony Kohn, an olive street clothing merchant, and a friend of his named Friedman. They happened, it appears, to drop around the Southern Casinoes with two commercial tourists. One of the pair was of Hebrew extraction, and the other he described as a "gilt-tongued Yankee" hailing from Boston. They gave the names of J. A. Seery and Dr. Jacob Owens, and beyond that nothing is known of them, save that they proved exceedingly dangerous men to play with.

The drummers, it seems, wanted a game, and they got Kohn, Friedman and a join.

FLEET OF CHIPS.

The game was played with there was no necessity of sending out for chips, as one of the travelers had a supply in his grip. The management of the hotel was even consulted for permission to play the game under that roof. From accounts that seem to be reliable, the drummers did not exactly play the game up to that high standard "denominated a gentleman's game." The cards were dealt round and round, the chips clicked on the marble-topped table, good hands were drawn and bad hands were thrown away and thus several hours passed away. The five St. Louisans who had accepted the invitation lost something like \$200, and then they concluded to get even. They consulted with one of them, and he told them of a sure way to get even. "We've been told," he said, "that one of the drummers has a pocket full of chips. If we can get our hands on them, we can get even." They agreed to do this, and they set out to do it. They were not long in finding the drummers, and they were not long in getting their hands on the chips. They were not long in getting their hands on the chips, and they were not long in getting their hands on the chips.

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Maj. O'Meara Wants Workingmen to Join the First Regiment.

HIS OFFICIAL REPORT ON THE PHYSICAL STANDARD OF THAT COMMAND.

Recruiting Among Well-Developed Boys Has Injured the Regiment's Military Standing—A Plan to Encourage Enlistment of Workingmen—Advantages Offered to State and Volunteers.

In his official report, forwarded to the Adjutant-General Saturday night, of the results of the inspection and muster of the First Regiment, N. G. M., held in this city Dec. 10, under general orders No. 9 from brigade headquarters, Maj. John B. O'Meara, the inspecting officer, uses this significant language concerning the physique and personnel of the recruits now coming into the National Guard in St. Louis:

In many instances the men are small in stature, the main body of recruits being composed of very young men, who are not fully developed. It seems to me from these facts that the First Regiment is being mainly recruited.

O'MEARA'S PLAN.

Back of this pretty plain intimation to headquarters that the First Regiment is in danger of deteriorating into a cadet corps instead of being actually a militia reserve, as was intended, Maj. O'Meara has a plan in mind which is likely within the next twelve months to make some radical changes in the rank and file of the National Guard located in St. Louis. Maj. O'Meara's plan is to so encourage the enlistment of young workingmen in the State militia as to open a new field of recruiting service for the National Guard of Missouri and in that way to procure material for the militia which would be better fitted for actual service should occasion ever arise for the Missouri National Guard to take the field, and which would at least insure the enlistment of men who could pass the physical examination necessary to the volunteer troops of the State of Missouri. That the plan has already been given considerable thought by the Inspecting Officer of the First Regiment is apparent from his personal expressions of opinion on the subject. There is no doubt that it would also be warmly favored by other officers of the regiment, and the chances are that the movement to induce working men to volunteer into the National Guard will spring at once into local prominence. Maj. O'Meara outlines his plan as follows:

"There are many advantages to be gained by getting young workingmen into the National Guard. One of these, of course, is that the physical standard of the militia is made much higher by the enlistment of well-developed, active young men. The work, which could be counted upon for staying physical qualities in actual service, and which would also cause the National Guard to present a more manly and soldierly appearance on inspection or parade of militia, is disappearing very fast when the advantage is that such enlistment would also do much to disperse the labor agitatorism felt toward the militia by the working classes, and which arises largely from the belief that about all the National Guard is put to is that of being drilled out of the militia. It would demonstrate to the working class of the National Guard are open to them, and that the militia organization is not a closed organization.

"It will also be a means of overcoming the sense of public danger and indignation caused by the present maintenance of Pinkerton forces, brought into the city by the labor strikes without any shadow of law whatever, and the alleged necessity for which would be done away with by the presence of an efficient militia. There never has been any reason why the National Guard should not enlist the National Guard, save this prejudice I spoke of, and the fact that why it would be both to their advantage and the advantage of the State for them to come in.

"I will mention developed.

"I first began thinking on this subject at the time of the First Brigade encampment last summer.

"The Third and Fourth Regiments of the brigade are composed of young farmers and men accustomed to outdoor work. The contrast they present to the appearance of the First Regiment, which on parade was most striking, and not to the advantage of the First Regiment, was larger, better developed, more soldierly looking, and their men looked like a lot of boys. I think it is a pity that the First Regiment does not mean any disparagement to the St. Louis troops. In my report I speak highly of the efficiency of the First Regiment officers and the discipline of the men. I think it remains that at present apparently the only cause for the inferiority of the First Regiment is not old enough or well enough developed to be good soldiers. In addition to my view on this subject, it is also a fact that the United States Army officers, in several official reports made to the War Department, the National Guard of Missouri, have stated that the troops are poor in physique and that the men are not really adapted for military service, and have deplored that fact as an injury to the militia service of the State.

"Not long ago I attended a meeting of officers of the National Guard of every State in the Union, held in Kansas City, and presided over by Gen. Nelson A. Miles, commanding the United States Army. At that meeting it was resolved to hold a national encampment of the militia and regular troops in Chicago in 1932, at which time such in the field and such other military duties would be practically demonstrated the strength or weakness of the National Guard. Missouri is not in a very good position at present to make a creditable showing when it comes to a contest with the troops of other States, and especially of the East. Look at the States of New York and Pennsylvania, for instance. The former has sixteen superb regiments of militia, the latter nine, and they are in both States recruited largely from the working classes. They are men well-developed, used to genuine military service in their occupations and field drills. They were overhauled so completely as to be at present.

"I will be welcomed to the National Guard.

"The National Guard cannot itself take action to invite any one class to its organization, but it can let the fact be known that militia service is open to all. I think it can be safely said that any movement of workingmen in St. Louis to come into the First Regiment will at once meet with a hearty response from the present officers and men of that organization, and that the young workingmen will prove a valuable addition to the regiment as proved by the splendid appearance they present when they are on parade on the occasion of any labor demonstration. And the workingmen could also feel that, with the National Guard of a State composed largely of workingmen, the militia could not be unjustly used to oppress or intimidate workingmen, if capital so desired to use it. This was effectively shown in the case of the Tennessee mine troubles, where the militia refused to bear arms against the miners. I hope a movement of young workingmen into the ranks of the First Regiment, N. G. M., of St. Louis."

REAL ESTATE INTERESTS.

Negotiating for Down-Town Business Property—Tone of the Market.

The time of year when heavy investment purchases of downtown business property are more numerous than at any other season is drawing near, and judging from private hints dropped by several of the leading sales agencies, more than the usual amount of this class of realty sold during mid-winter months will change owners within the next thirty days. Some really important negotiations are now practically closed, while new deals are being started for the purchase of property of the exception of long leases of numerous other promising away old structures that encumber the downtown business district. The progress that has been made in their respective classes within the past few years. These changes are bound to take place. Some of

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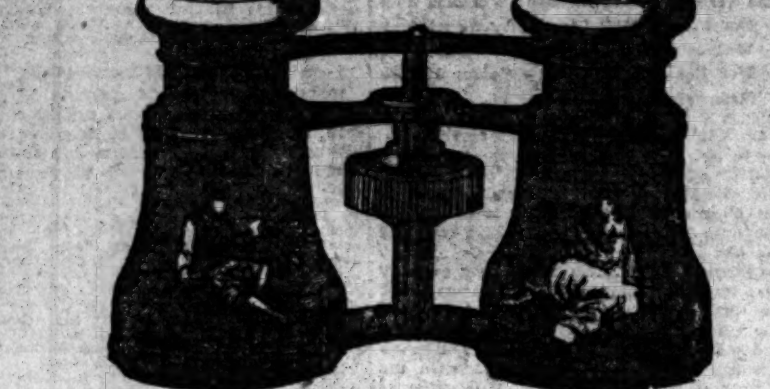
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Book-keepers.

Wanted—Good cook. 2709 Morgan st.

Wanted—An experienced cook immediately at 2720 Washington st.

Wanted—Immediately, a cook, three in family, good wages. 3020 Chestnut st.

Wanted—A good girl for cooking and general housework. 3020 Chestnut st.

Wanted—Domestic woman to cook in restaurant. 3020 Chestnut st.

Wanted—To also a clerk at grocery store, 3020 Chestnut st.

Wanted—Drug clerk. Young man, must speak German. Address 6, 11th and Locust.

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